

# Hong Kong's 2019 Protests in Historical Perspective: Thwarted Democratization and the Rise of a Civic Community

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Hong Kong's 2019 anti-Extradition Bill protests have captured the imagination of observers around the world with their "Be Water" tactics and creative resilience against the erosion of the territory's autonomy. Yet they are also the latest expression of Hongkongers' gradual assertion of a unique and still evolving civic identity, which is expressed in the cultural (visual, musical) creations and recreations that have featured prominently in the movement.



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